

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary**

Claims 1, 3, 6-10, and 13 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 5, 11, 12, 14, 15 are pending. No new matter is added.

### **Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 112, Second Paragraph**

Claims 6, 7, and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 6, 7, and 9 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

### **Claim Rejections Under 102(e)**

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application 2002/0103720 of Cline et al. (Cline). In response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 6-10 and 13.

Claim 1 now recites

receiving by a server, a data service request from the client device;  
determining by the server, a first and a second service response to a first and a second portion of said data service request and a first and a second vendor correspondingly providing said first and said second service response, said first and second portions being different portions of the said data service request  
communicating said first and second portions of said data service request from the server to said first and second vendors in accordance with an application programming interface (API) prescribed by the server;  
processing by the server, a first and a second service response supplied by the first and second vendors respectively, to create a solution set for said data service request; and  
communicating said solution set from the server to the client device.

Accordingly, claim 1 requires at least a first and a second portion of a received request be sent to a first and a second server respectively, using the same API of the server, and a first and second service response received from the first and second servers be re-combined to provide a solution set of the request to the client device.

Cline merely disclosed the forwarding of a received service request to a service vendor. Accordingly, Cline does not teach the “determining”, “communicating” and “processing” recitations.

Therefore, Cline clearly fails to teach or suggest at least one element of claim 1, and thus, for at least these reasons, claim 1 is patentable over Cline under 35 U.S.C. section 102(e). Applicants thus respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 2-13 depend from claim 1, incorporating its recitations. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 2-13 are patentable over Cline under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

Claims 14 and 15 contain in substance the same recitations earlier discussed for claim 1. Therefore, likewise, for at least the same reasons, claims 14 and 15 are patentable over Cline under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

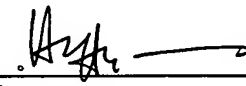
**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 are in condition for allowance, and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2844. Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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